

# BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1971

including

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of the

SURVEYOR AND SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES  
9 WESTGATE  
BRIDLINGTON

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:

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R. SCHOFIELD, M.D., D.C.H., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.

Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector:

G. ANDERSON, C.S.I.B.

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H. FELL, M.A.P.H.I.

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Health Office,  
4 St. John's Avenue,  
Bridlington.

October, 1972.

To: The Chairman and Councillors  
Rural District of Bridlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1971.

The Registrar General's figure for the population at mid-year 1971 was 8,560, a decrease of 310 compared with 1970.

There were 95 live births and 96 deaths during the year, compared with 104 births and 120 deaths in 1970. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 13.0 per thousand population is lower than the national rate of 16.0 per thousand. The adjusted death rate of 9.4 per thousand population compares favourably with the national figure.

The causes of death follow the expected pattern with diseases of the heart and circulation, and cancer predominating. More than one third of the deaths were due to two diseases known to be associated with cigarette smoking, namely lung cancer and ischaemic heart disease. There were two deaths of infants under one year of age.

No notifiable infectious disease was sufficiently prevalent to merit special mention.

Steady improvement in the sanitary circumstances of the district continued during the year. Considerable progress has been made on the plans for improving the sewage disposal facilities in the village of Flamborough.

Water continued to be supplied by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board and was satisfactory in quantity and quality.


In presenting this report, may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work and help during the year, and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

R. SCHOFIELD

Medical Officer of Health



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# S T A T I S T I C S

## GENERAL

Area in acres .....	67,132
Population, 1971 Registrar General .....	8,560
Rateable Value 1971/72 .....	£311,864
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£2,980
Estimated number of inhabited houses .....	4,000

## VITAL

### Live Births

Number .....	95
Crude Birth Rate .....	11.1
Adjusted Birth Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.17 .....	13.0
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births) .....	4.0

### Still Births

Number .....	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	21.0
Total live and still births .....	97
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) .....	2

### Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	21.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ....	11.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	250.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) .....	11.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .....	11.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) .....	31.0

### Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths .....	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....	-

## DEATHS

Number .....	96
Crude Death Rate .....	11.2
Adjusted Death Rate: Comparability factor R.G. 0.84 .....	9.4
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	-
Rate per 1,000 population .....	-
Deaths from Other forms of Tuberculosis .....	-
Rate per 1,000 population .....	-
Deaths from Respiratory Disease .....	12
Rate per 1,000 population .....	1.4
Deaths from Heart Disease .....	35
Rate per 1,000 population .....	4.1
Deaths from Cancer .....	20
Rate per 1,000 population .....	2.3



PROVISIONAL STATISTICS - ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live Births .....	16.0 per 1,000 population
Still Births .....	12.0 per 1,000 total live and still births

Deaths

Death Rate .....	11.6 per 1,000 home population
Infant Mortality .....	18.0 per 1,000 live births





CAUSES OF DEATH IN BRIDLINGTON R.D. 1971 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All Causes .....	60	36
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases .....	-	1
Cancer, Buccal Cavity, etc. ....	1	-
Cancer, Stomach .....	1	1
Cancer, Intestine .....	4	1
Cancer, Lung, Bronchus .....	3	-
Cancer, Breast .....	-	2
Cancer, Prostate .....	1	-
Cancer, Other Sites .....	3	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System .....	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease .....	19	12
Other Forms of Heart Disease .....	2	2
Cerebrovascular Disease .....	9	5
Other Diseases of Circulatory System .....	-	2
Pneumonia .....	4	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema .....	5	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System .....	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System .....	1	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System .....	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality .....	1	-
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions .....	1	3
All Other Accidents .....	2	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries .....	1	1



BIRTHS AND DEATHS

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND POPULATION DURING LAST 12 YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>	<u>Population</u>
1960	140	102	9,440
1961	97	114	9,230
1962	119	109	9,080
1963	123	109	9,190
1964	105	105	8,950
1965	123	111	8,900
1966	99	115	8,810
1967	125	124	8,840
1968	103	109	8,930
1969	109	116	8,870
1970	104	120	8,870
1971	95	96	8,560



# INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total deaths under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under one year
Pneumonia .....	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Other Causes										
Perinatal										
Mortality .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Infectious Diseases Notified during 1971

Notifiable Disease	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown	Total Deaths
Measles .....	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-





INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1969-1971

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Dysentery .....	-	1	-
Infective Jaundice .....	4	1	-
Measles .....	1	71	4
Scarlet Fever .....	2	1	-
Whooping Cough .....	-	1	-



# TUBERCULOSIS

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>females</u>	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1970 .....	40	24	12	18	94
Added to the Register:					
Cases notified for the first time during the year .....	-	1	-	1	2
Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification ....	-	-	-	-	-
Inward Transfers .....	-	-	-	-	-
Deleted from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1971 .....	40	25	12	19	96



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospital facilities are available at Scarborough, Bridlington and Driffield.

Miniature Mass Radiography

It was decided to move the Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board from the "3B's" car park to the Crown Buildings car park. The Unit first attended at the Crown Buildings car park on Tuesday, 12th January, 1971 and has visited on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. throughout the year. 686 persons were examined during 1971.

Nursing Homes

There are no private Nursing Homes in the district.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Part III Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Burlington House, Bridlington, Danes Lea, Bridlington, Carr Head, Bridlington and The Limes, Driffield. These four Homes together have beds for 194 elderly persons.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this Section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES - NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946

The following services are provided in the district by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:-

Child Health Clinics

Child Health Clinics are held in the following villages:-

Flixton	-	every four weeks on a Wednesday.
Flamborough	-	every two weeks on a Thursday.
Hunmanby	-	every two weeks on a Wednesday.
Burton Agnes	-	every four weeks on a Thursday.

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Home Nursing Service. Three Nurse/Midwives serve the district. One resides at Burton Agnes, one at Weaverthorpe and the other at Bridlington.

Health Visiting

Four Health Visitors serve the district. Their office is at 4 St. John's Avenue, Bridlington.



### Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Midwifery Service as indicated above.

### Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in St. John Street, Bridlington (telephone number 2421).

### Domestic Help

Home Help service which is rendered in the District is administered from the Social Services Department at 4 St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, telephone 77141.

### Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council hold a cervical cytology session at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington when required.

### LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY - SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority schools in the district. In addition the following facilities are provided at the County Council's Oxford Street premises in Bridlington:-

Minor Ailment Clinic	-	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic	-	Daily by appointment
Speech Therapy	-	Four weekly sessions

### OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

#### Buckrose Health Division Co-ordinating Committee

In 1971 it was decided to discontinue the meetings of this Committee. The last meeting was held on the 8th March, 1971.

### PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

### VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

#### British Red Cross

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the County Council, provide a service for the loan of nursing requisites which may be needed for temporary periods for sick persons being nursed in their own homes. In the Rural Area the Depots for these requisites are:-

Miss Chappell, Peace Haven, Rosemoor Avenue, Hunmanby.  
Miss Wilson, Little Denmark, Thwing.  
Miss Watson, The Hall, Skipsea.





### Women's Royal Voluntary Service

The W.R.V.S. provide numerous services in the district, which includes:-

Meals on Wheels  
Good Neighbour Services  
Darby and Joan Clubs  
Clothing in cases of need or emergency

### Family Planning

East Riding County Council hold a clinic every Wednesday at the Oxford Street Clinic, Oxford Street, Bridlington. Attendance is by appointment.

### National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Bridlington lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and cases requiring the services of the Society were visited by Inspector Bean working from Scarborough. Inspector Bean's work is much appreciated by those of us in the area concerned with child welfare.



## BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,  
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Bridlington.

### ANNUAL REPORT 1971

To: The Chairman and Members  
of the Bridlington Rural District Council.

Councillor Mrs. Cross and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report for 1971 for your consideration, the composition of which makes me aware of the shortcomings, frustration and difficulties of the year's work.

The last six months were extremely difficult and notable by the need to cope with the total volume of work with its transfer of emphasis from the Public Health side with depleted staff. Public health work was of necessity confined to basic essentials, normal activities being completely disrupted with reference to routine work.

It is for this reason that I do not submit the usual summary of visits as they would not be representative of the hard work put in by staff.

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Maintenance of the various works continues to be carried out with competence and to a high standard by the Council's staff and follows accepted patterns, with predictable sample results.

Development in the area by new building has been accelerated by the appearance of the speculative builder and their activities have accentuated the deteriorating position at some of the treatment works.

#### Skipsea Area Disposal Works

Normal population discharges present no treatment problems. At week-ends in mid-season and at peak holiday weeks, flows in excess of designed capacities are experienced and the final effluent does not comply with standards set down for these works.

It is clear that at a fairly early date some remedial work will be necessary. The village is attracting development which may well require to be phased to remedial works.

#### Flamborough

The Council's proposals have been completed and submitted to the Department of the Environment and it is anticipated that the department's engineering officers will be dealing with the proposals early 1972.



### Bempton

The village is receiving the attentions of the speculative developer and it is clear that these works cannot be expected to cope with additional loads. Considerable expansion and renewal of plant is necessary.

### Rudston Sewage Disposal Works

Further expansion of the village is necessary before the provision of works to serve all the village is required. The maintenance of the existing works is difficult and dependent on good weather conditions for access with mobile equipment.

### Reighton

The Reighton contract has been completed within the contract period and the works are in operation. Some difficulties have been experienced with complaints of smells from the sewers. These would appear to be associated with discharge rates in the rising main and minimal flows from Speeton village. It is not anticipated they will be too difficult to rectify.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection is maintained throughout the year, the service during holiday period is maintainable by transfer of labour from other sections of the Council's services and requires considerable overtime working.

A work study exercise has been started with a view to the introduction of a bonus scheme. The ordering of a new vehicle has been delayed pending further information as to its suitability.

It is to be hoped that the introduction of a bonus scheme will not have any effect on the quality of service given by the operatives, for which they are held in high regard by the residents of the district.

### Disposal

Flamborough tip is now full and has been sealed off.

Bempton tip has an effective life of some 15 months, after which it will be necessary to bring the Burton Fleming tip into use again.

### FOOD AND MEAT INSPECTION

The two licensed private slaughterhouses continue in operation. The quality of the carcass meat sold is high. Inspection of animals slaughtered is 100%.

The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered with comparative figures from 1964:-

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Bovine	279	245	243	254	226	312	282	276
Calves	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	2
Sheep & Lambs	766	695	665	781	780	809	775	849
Pigs	289	372	302	288	290	419	309	409
	<u>1336</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1210</u>	<u>1323</u>	<u>1299</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1366</u>	<u>1536</u>



# Condemned Meat

Meat unfit for consumption is surrendered and disposed of by the Council.

<u>Bovine</u>	Livers	384 lb.	- abscessed and parasitic conditions.
	Lungs	2 prs.	- abscessed.
	Heads/tongues	2 C Bovis	- 1 abscessed.
<u>Pigs</u>	Liver	68 lbs.	- parasitic and abscessed.
	Head	2 No.	- presumptive tuberculosis.
	Heart	15 No.	- Pericarditis.
	Lungs	20 prs.	- pleurisy - pneumonia.
	Carcase Meat	85 lbs.	- bruising and abscessed.
<u>Sheep</u>	Livers	7	- parasitic conditions.
	Lungs	7 prs.	- pleurisy.
	Carcase Meat	85 lb.	- generalised oedema.

In conclusion I have to express my thanks and appreciation to my departmental colleagues and other staff members for their support and assistance through a difficult period.

Yours faithfully,

H. FELL.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

p.p. Surveyor,  
Senior Public Health Inspector.

November, 1972.







